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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) Fire burns in industrial part of North Dakota town. A July 22 fire at the Red River Supply in the town of Williston prompted authorities to set up an evacuation zone with a half-mile radius and caused a stretch of State Highway 1804 to close while emergency personnel assessed the damage.

<http://www.chron.com/news/science/article/Williston-industrial-fire-shuts-down-state-highway-5637609.php>

(North Dakota) Oil drilling in North Dakota raises concerns about radioactive waste. North Dakota regulators say they have no plans for new oil field waste regulations, though the health department plans to issue rules to track disposal of radioactive socks, spurred in part by the discovery in February of tons of filters dumped two miles south of the McKenzie County landfill.

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-oil-drilling-radioactive-20140727-story.html#page=1>

(North Dakota) ND wants specifics on backlogged grain shipments. North Dakota's congressional delegation is pressing Canadian Pacific Railway to provide details of its backlog of grain shipments, saying farmers need detailed information with fall harvest fast approaching. <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/ND-wants-specifics-on-backlogged-grain-shipments-5638171.php>

REGIONAL

(Wisconsin) Wisconsin train crash injures 2 people, spills oil. A Canadian National Railway Co., train struck another freight train in Slinger, Wisconsin, July 20 derailing 3 engines and 10 railcars and spilling about 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Two crew members were injured and around 100 residents were evacuated for 5 hours as a precaution. <http://news.msn.com/us/wisconsin-train-crash-injures-2-people-spills-oil>

(Montana) Semi removed, lanes reopen after chemical spill near Bonner. A semi-truck carrying aluminum sulfate and diethanolamine tipped due to speed on Highway 200 near Bonner July 22, causing the chemicals to spill into the Blackfoot and Clark Fork Rivers and prompting a temporary closure of each as well as a portion of the highway. The rivers and roadway were reopened after the spill was

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cleaned and officials determined there was no threat to public safety because the chemicals were quickly dispersed and diluted.

<http://www.abcfoxmontana.com/story/26082109/semi-tips-on-i-90-near-bonner>

NATIONAL

(National) Banks: Card breach at Goodwill Industries. Goodwill Industries stated that it is working with the U.S. Secret Service to investigate a possible breach of payment card data from some of its U.S. stores. The company stated that it became aware of a possible breach July 18 after they were contacted by a payment card industry fraud investigation unit and federal authorities.

<http://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/07/banks-card-breach-at-goodwill-industries/>

(National) DOT wants testing of Bakken crude, redesigned rail cars. New proposed federal regulations call for the testing of Bakken crude and better rail cars to ship it in. The Department of Transportation proposes to phase out older DOT-111 tank cars for the shipment of certain types of flammable liquids within two years. That includes the cars used for shipping Bakken crude.

http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/dot-wants-testing-of-bakken-crude-redesigned-rail-cars/article_287ff53e-1281-11e4-a9b3-001a4bcf887a.html

(Texas) Obama dispatches researchers to border to check on National Guard.

Texas is deploying National Guard troops to the border — and the White House is sending in the research team. The aim of the group is to determine what, if any, effect the military troops has on curbing illegal immigrant inflow to the United States, Reuters first reported.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/jul/24/obama-dispatches-researchers-border-check-national/#ixzz38mlzzdtL>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) US Airlines scrap Israel flights over missile fear. Delta Air Lines and United Airlines cancelled all flights to Israel until further notice July 22 due to safety and security concerns after reports that a rocket landed near Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport. US Airways also cancelled a flight from Philadelphia headed to Tel Aviv as a precaution. <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/delta-cancels-israel-flights-missile-fear-24663136>

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(International) Fresh threat to critical infrastructure found in Havex malware.

Researchers at FireEye analyzed a variant of the Havex malware (also known as Fertger or Peacepipe) and found that it contained an open-platform communication (OPC) scanner that could be used to target supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems used by several industries, including power plants and water utilities. <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2356410/fresh-threat-to-critical-infrastructure-found-in-havex-malware>

(International) Violent transnational gangs 'recruiting unaccompanied minors at Border Security facilities'.

Members of some of the United States' most notorious street gangs have infiltrated shelters housing illegal immigrant minors from Central America and are recruiting them, say Homeland Security sources. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2707189/Violent-transnational-drug-cartels-recruiting-unaccompanied-minors-Border-Security-facilities.html#ixzz38mNfv4QH>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(International) Secondhand Point-o-Sale terminal was horrific security midden.

A researcher with HP found that a second-hand Aloha point-of-sale (PoS) terminal purchased from eBay still held a database of employee names, Social Security numbers, and addresses, as well as default passwords that could be used by an attacker if the previous owners did not change passwords in new equipment. http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/21/ebayed_point_of_sale_terminal_leak_peril/

(National) Bank of America to pay \$16.6 million to resolve U.S. sanctions

violations. The U.S. Treasury Department announced July 24 that Bank of America agreed to pay \$16.6 million in penalties to resolve allegations that the financial institution knowingly processed about \$91,000 in transactions for six designated narcotics traffickers subject to U.S. sanctions between 2005 and 2009. A Bank of America representative stated that the bank addressed the problem in 2009 when it improved its sanctions-related systems and controls. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/24/us-bankofamerica-sanctions-settlement-idUSKBN0FT1V220140724>

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CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(National) Tampa man accused of scamming Apple out of \$309,768. U.S. Secret Service officials arrested and charged a Florida man for allegedly scamming Apple stores in 16 States out of a collective \$309,768 by tricking clerks into accepting fake authorization codes to override a declined credit or debit card, a practice known as “forced sale”. The suspect is accused of running the scheme 42 times, as well as trying to defraud a car rental company and a Seattle hotel.

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/courts/criminal/tampa-man-accused-of-scamming-apple-out-of-309768/2189776>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(National) Internet outage affects Midcontinent customers. About 30,000 Midcontinent Communications business and residential customers experienced a 2-hour Internet outage July 22 due to a problem with one of the cards on a mid-ring that provides services to the network.

<http://www.kqcd.com/story/26084497/internet-outage-affects-midcontinent-customers>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(International) GM calls back 822,000 vehicles in 6 new recalls. General Motors announced 6 recalls July 23 for 822,685 vehicles, including 717,950 in the U.S., with the largest recall affecting 475,000 vehicles from model years 2010-2012 due to the potential for a seating bolt to fall out and allow seats to move.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20140723/AUTO0103/307230099>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

(Pennsylvania) Auditor general finds fault with DEP's gas well oversight. The Pennsylvania auditor general released a report stating that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's oil and gas program was lacking due to inconsistencies with cleaning up impacted water supplies, an ineffective complaint-tracking system, and that the department could not provide assurances that shale-gas wells were inspected in a timely manner, among other findings. The department responded stating that recommendations presented in the audit were being implemented.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/blog/energy/2014/07/auditor-general-finds-fault-with-deps-gas-well.html>

(New Jersey) Gas utility will spend \$102.5M on improvements. The New Jersey Board of Utilities approved a \$102.5 million New Jersey Natural Gas project meant to harden its distribution and transmission system from damage caused by severe storms. The 5-year project will consist of six targeted projects meant to help mitigate the number and duration of outages and improve the utility's ability to respond and control service outages.

<http://www.app.com/story/money/business/2014/07/23/gas-utility-will-spend-m-improvements/13059399/>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(National) FDA consumer advice on powdered pure caffeine. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a warning July 21 advising against the consumption of powdered pure caffeine sold in bulk bags over the Internet due to the high potency of the product that can result in accidental overdose. At least one death has been linked to the product.

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/SafetyAlertsAdvisories/ucm405787.htm>

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(Arkansas; Mississippi) USDA designates 10 counties in Arkansas as primary natural disaster areas with assistance to producers in Mississippi. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced July 23 that 10 Arkansas counties and 1 Mississippi county were designated as primary natural disaster areas due to recent flash flooding, excessive rain, high winds, and hail that has affected the area since June 29. Farmers and ranchers in those counties are eligible for disaster assistance. <http://www.newsroomamerica.com/story/433505.html>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(California) Merced Superior Court and jail evacuated for bomb threat. The Merced Superior Court in California was evacuated for more than 3 hours July 21 after the county's main jail received a call from an individual threatening to blow up the old and new courthouses as well as the main jail. Officials cleared the scene after searching the building and continue to investigate the incident. <http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2014/07/21/3757666/merced-county-superior-court-evacuated.html>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Unpatched OpenSSL holes found on Siemens ICSs. The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) stated July 17 that six Siemens industrial control products contained vulnerabilities in their OpenSSL implementation that could lead to man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks or the crashing of Web servers. Four of the vulnerabilities remain unpatched and are present in industrial control products used by the manufacturing, chemical, energy, agriculture, and water industries and utilities. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17146>

(International) Cisco counterfeiter gets 37 months in prison, forfeits \$700,000. The CEO of ConnectZone.com was sentenced for his role in conspiring with a Chinese company to produce counterfeit Cisco Systems network products and then sell them as genuine products. Four people and two companies were charged in the case, with two others found guilty and a Chinese co-conspirator remaining at large. <http://www.networkworld.com/article/2455477/cisco-subnet/cisco-counterfeiter-gets-37-month-prison-forfeits-700-000.html>

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(International) iOS backdoors expose personal data: Researcher. A security researcher presenting at a security conference reported that Apple's iOS mobile operating system contains several undocumented services which could be used in some circumstances to access email, location data, media, and other personal data. Apple stated that the services are used for diagnostic purposes and can only be used to access data with user approval. <http://www.securityweek.com/ios-backdoors-expose-personal-data-researcher>

(International) Internet Explorer vulnerabilities increase 100%. An analysis by Bromium Labs surveyed vulnerabilities in popular Web browsers and common software and found that vulnerabilities in Internet Explorer increased by more than 100 percent in the first quarter of 2014. Other findings included that Action Script Sprays were leveraged in zero day attacks and that zero day vulnerabilities in Java have declined greatly in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 2013. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17158>

(International) Popular wireless home alarms can be hacked from afar. Two security researchers found that wireless home alarm systems are vulnerable to remote hijacking which would allow for access into the protected environment without tripping the alarm due to the signals lack of encryption or authentication. The tools used to hack into systems are available for purchase, potentially allowing intruders to completely disable the alarm from 10 feet. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Popular-Wireless-Home-Alarms-Are-Easy-to-Hack-452023.shtml>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Pennsylvania) Pa. doctor shoots patient who killed caseworker. A psychiatric outpatient opened fire July 24 in an office at the Mercy Wellness Center of Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, killing a caseworker and injuring a doctor who reportedly exchanged gunfire with the suspect, wounding the outpatient. <http://www.11alive.com/story/news/nation/2014/07/24/shooting-wellness-center/13118213/>

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TRANSPORTATION

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(National) Allegiant computer system restored after outage Friday. Allegiant Air suffered an outage that lasted more than 7 hours July 18 causing at least 26 flights to be cancelled or rescheduled. The airline restored its computer system after experiencing the technical glitch.

<http://www.fox5vegas.com/story/26053314/allegiant-computer-system-restored-after-outage-friday>

(North Carolina) Police try to identify suspects in bus explosion, videos released.

A homemade bomb that contained a mixture of drain cleaner and other materials exploded on the Bull City Connector bus in Durham July 22 causing a nearby passenger and the driver to be treated for exposure. There was no significant damage to the bus and authorities are looking for three teens in connection to the explosion. <http://abc11.com/news/durham-police-investigate-explosion-on-bus/210334/>

WATER AND DAMS

(Hawaii) 'Maliciously' clogged Palolo manhole sends sewage to ocean. Health officials issued a warning July 22 to the public in Palolo Valley to stay out of Palolo Stream, Ala Wai Canal, Magic Island, and surf sites Bamburas, Ala Moana Bowl, Rock pile, In Betweens, and Kaisers after more than 103,000 gallons of raw sewage leaked into Palolo Stream from an intentionally clogged sewer line. Authorities continued to unclog the manhole which was deliberately plugged with clothes and tricycle parts.

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20140722_Maliciously_clogged_Palolo_manhole_sends_sewage_to_ocean.html

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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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